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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2006/07-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<b>State, Local and Transit Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adds, modifies or deletes various projects from various funding programs in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Regional Surface Transportation Program, National Highway System, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Hazard Elimination Safety program, and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs.</li></ul>

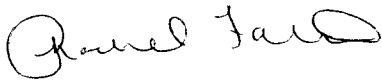
See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SACOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Jody Tian, of my staff, at (916) 654-2853.

Sincerely,



RACHEL FALSETTI  
Acting Chief  
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Lisa Hanf- EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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February 28, 2007

Rachel Falsetti, Chief  
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Attn: Jody Tian

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The letter I sent February 26, 2007, contains two typos that I would like to correct.

1. "On ~~January 24~~, 2007, SACOG staff emailed a table that summarizes and addresses the comments we received up until that date."

→ "On **January 22**, 2007, SACOG staff emailed a table that summarizes and addresses the comments we received up until that date."

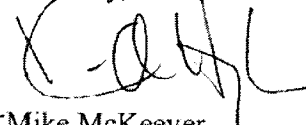
2. "Since then, SACOG met ~~February 28~~, 2007, via teleconference with Caltrans and FTA to discuss those issues."

→ "Since then, SACOG met **February 8**, 2007, via teleconference with Caltrans and FTA to discuss those issues."

I apologize for the inaccurate dates. Enclosed is the revised letter.

If you have any questions please contact Debra Jones, at (916) 340-6242 or José Luis Cáceres, at (916) 340-6218.

Sincerely,

  
for Mike McKeever  
Executive Director

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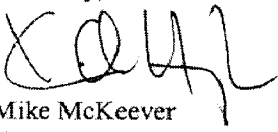
We would like to formally respond to comments we received from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans regarding Amendment #4 to 2007/09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) adopted by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors on December 14, 2006. On January 22, 2007, SACOG staff emailed a table that summarizes and addresses the comments we received up until that date. Since then, SACOG met February 8, 2007, via teleconference with Caltrans and FTA to discuss those issues. Attached is an updated table summarizing and addressing concerns raised both in writing and in the teleconference and a revised financial table.

Several comments concern SACOG's failure to comply with 23 CFR 450.310, and the federal decision to withhold approval for funding programmed to Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT) projects. SACOG proposes amending RT projects with the understanding that it is SACOG's duty to accurately program projects. FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) may continue to temporarily withhold approval of changes to RT's funding in federal fiscal years (FFY) 2007-09. SACOG expects to soon comply with 23 CFR 450.310 and, at the time of compliance, request federal approval of funding programmed to RT as listed in the 2007/09 MTIP and subsequent amendments.

We await your review and approval of Amendment #4 followed by transmittal of your findings to FHWA and FTA for their approval in an effort to allow the high priority projects to carryover funds into FFY 2007.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Any questions that you may have should be directed to Debra Jones, at (916) 340-6242 or José Luis Cáceres, at (916) 340-6218.

Sincerely,

  
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Additional Response to Comments  
February 22, 2007

#	Paraphrase of Comments to Date	SACOG Response to Comments
1	Financial Table should contain all financial changes made since the last financial table in the 2007/09 MTIP. It is difficult to understand what has changed financially since the 2007/09 MTIP.	The Financial Table is the format requested by Caltrans and contains all financial changes made since the last financial table. It includes changes made by Amendments #1, 2, and 4. Amendment #3 is an administrative amendment that has not yet been submitted.
2	<p>The \$87,340,000 of Section 5309 (b) New Starts in FFY 2009 belong to RT's <b>REG15053</b> South Sacramento Light Rail Project - Phase 2.</p> <p>FTA and FHWA have withheld approval of programmed funds in 2008 and 2009 for this project and all RT projects pending further action by SACOG to demonstrate compliance with 23 CFR 450.310 for the RT projects listed in the MTIP. Also FTA questions the MTIP's financial constraint regarding this funding</p>	<p><b>REG15053</b> is not part of this amendment. It is a project that contains funds pending approval from FTA and FHWA. SACOG must produce a financial plan that shows "current" and "proposed revenue sources" (23 CFR 450.324 [e]). Federal agencies did not change the availability of these future year funds when they withheld approval of FFY 2009 programming to RT projects.</p> <p><b>→ SACOG requests that federal agencies continue to withhold approval of funds programmed to RT in FFY 2008 and 2009 and acknowledge the current and proposed revenue sources in the financial plan.</b></p> <p>SACOG plans to comply with 23 CFR 450.310 and, at the time of compliance, request federal approval of 2008, 2009, and 2010 funding.</p> <p><b>→SACOG will amend this project and its funding in a future amendment to match RT's New Starts submittal.</b></p>
3	The \$5,216,000 of Section 5309 (c) Bus Allocation in FFY 2009 is higher than expected.	<p>This is a typo. After recalculating projects with Section 5309 (c) Bus Allocation funds, the total comes to \$2,951,440. There are two projects with 5309 (c) funds in 2009: YCT18074 and YCT18090.</p> <p>Attached is an updated financial table.</p>
4	SACOG is proposing to add <b>REG15880</b> LRV Rehab and <b>REG17797</b> Operating Assistance (JARC) to FFY 2007 (Page 29). However, FTA and FHWA only approved "[RT] projects proposed for inclusion in the first year (FFY 2007) of the FSTIP." SACOG may not program additional funds to RT projects in FFY 2007 until SACOG demonstrates compliance with 23 CFR 450.310 for the RT projects listed in the MTIP.	<p><b>→ SACOG requests that federal agencies continue to withhold approval of additional funds in this amendment programmed to RT in FFY 2007.</b></p> <p>SACOG plans to comply with 23 CFR 450.310 and, at the time of compliance, request federal approval of 2007 funding.</p>

5	<p><b>REG17781</b> Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition (p30) shows a cost of \$34m and a completion year of 2030, which is beyond the years of the MTP. Does this project appear in the MTP? Why is the cost so large?</p>	<p><b>REG17781</b> is listed in the MTP and the MTIP. It is an ongoing vehicle purchase project that should have been split into phases instead of showing as one large, continuing vehicle purchase. The proposed change was to carryover 2006 funds to 2007.</p> <p>→ <b>SACOG split the project. Now it appears as a 40-vehicle purchase and the second phase is an MTP project with a completion year of 2025.</b></p> <p>→ <b>SACOG requests that federal agencies continue to withhold approval of additional funds in this amendment programmed to RT in FFY 2007.</b></p> <p>SACOG plans to comply with 23 CFR 450.310 and, at the time of compliance, request federal approval of 2007 funding.</p>
6	<p><b>UNI10330</b> Unitrans Capital Assistance (p34) shows increased cost but no increased scope. Confirm this is not an RT project.</p>	<p>This is not an RT project. This is a typo.</p> <p>→ <b>SACOG corrected the scope from a purchase of six buses to a purchase of 10 buses.</b></p> <p>→ <b>SACOG requests that federal agencies approve the project and technical correction..</b></p>
7	<p>Planning-only projects such as <b>YCT18077</b> Transit Planning (p42) do not belong in the MTIP but should be reported as part of the OWP.</p>	<p>→ <b>SACOG removed the project from the amendment and will delete the project from the MTIP in a future amendment.</b></p> <p>→ <b>SACOG will list it in the OWP instead.</b></p>

# Financial Summary Table: Revenue

## Amendment #4 to the 2007/09 MTIP

Revised

(Dollars X 1,000)

Source of Funds	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
<b>State Highway Account Funds (State &amp; State FHWA Funds)</b>				
SHOPP	\$22,788	\$21,143	\$13,847	\$57,778
SHOPP (AC)	\$72,712	\$145,983	\$89,936	\$308,631
STIP	\$67,104	\$126,182	\$65,808	\$259,094
STIP Prior	\$34,563			\$34,563
<b>Local Assistance</b>				
CMAQ Funds Transferred to FTA	\$8,231			\$8,231
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$25,172	\$26,670	\$26,952	\$78,794
Highway Bridge Program	\$10,025	\$10,804	\$3,909	\$24,738
RSTP Funds Transferred to FTA				
Regional Surface Transportation Program	\$19,657	\$21,152	\$21,553	\$62,362
Safe Routes to School				
Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination & Safety	\$920	\$500		\$1,420
Surface Transportation Program Railroad	\$400			\$400
Surface Transportation Program Safety Fund				
<b>Other Federal Highway Programs</b>				
Community Development Block Grant				
HPP / Federal Demonstration	\$120,063	\$11,819	\$63,295	\$195,177
Federal Lands Highway Program				
Forest Highway Funds				
Intelligent Transportation System Program	\$389			\$389
NCPD Program/Borders/Corridor Program	\$1,550			\$1,550
Recreational Trails	\$1,089		\$1,931	\$3,020
Transportation Improvement				
<b>Federal Transit Administration Funds</b>				
3037- Job Access and Reverse Commute	\$1,412	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$3,612
5303 Metropolitan Planning Program				
5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$27,090	\$23,865	\$23,865	\$74,820
5309(a) - Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$4,370	\$3,947	\$4,144	\$12,461
5309(b) - New Starts			\$87,340	\$87,340
5309(c) - Bus Allocation	\$4,537	\$435	\$2,951	\$7,923
5310 - Elderly & Person with Disabilities	\$1,191	\$742	\$742	\$2,675
5311 - Nonurbanized Area Formula	\$1,897	\$1,386	\$1,386	\$4,669
<b>Other State Funds</b>				
Other (PTA/TCI/TSM/TDA)	\$13,002	\$8,472	\$5,924	\$27,398
Proposition 116				
Public Transportation Account	\$40,942	\$4,307		\$45,249
Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange	\$1,000	\$400		\$1,400
State Assembly Bill 2766	\$55			\$55
State Bike Lane Account			\$500	\$500
State Cash	\$4,054	\$5,179	\$726	\$9,959
State Local Partnership				
Surface Transportation Program Enhancement				
Traffic Congestion Relief Program	\$34,600	\$63,000	\$6,280	\$103,880
<b>Local Funds</b>				
Benefit Assessment District	\$46,504	\$2,640	\$991	\$50,135
Fair Share / In Lieu				
Farebox Revenue	\$39,400	\$41,600	\$41,600	\$122,600
Local - Developer - Direct Cost		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Local - Developer - General Mitigation Fee	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$440,000
Local - Developer - Transportation Improvement Fee	\$117,876	\$98,300	\$98,300	\$314,476
Local Agency Funds	\$145,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$1,045,000
Local Matching Funds	\$1,045	\$100		\$1,145
Local Transportation Fund	\$83,400	\$85,600	\$85,600	\$254,600
Private Funds	\$423	\$20,900		\$21,323
Redevelopment Funds	\$4,363	\$710	\$710	\$5,783
Road Fund	\$159	\$746	\$126	\$1,031
Sacramento County Measure A Sales Tax	\$109,100	\$109,100	\$109,100	\$327,300
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$593	\$44		\$637
University Fees	\$63	\$1,506	\$20,405	\$21,974
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,186,739</b>	<b>\$1,438,332</b>	<b>\$1,699,021</b>	<b>\$4,324,092</b>

# Financial Summary Table: Programmed Amendment #4 to the 2007/09 MTIP

Revised

(Dollars X 1,000)

Source of Funds	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
<b>State Highway Account Funds (State &amp; State FHWA Funds)</b>				
SHOPP	\$22,788	\$21,143	\$13,847	\$57,778
SHOPP (AC)	\$72,712	\$145,983	\$89,936	\$308,631
STIP	\$67,104	\$126,182	\$65,808	\$259,094
STIP Prior	\$34,563			\$34,563
<b>Local Assistance</b>				
CMAQ Funds Transferred to FTA	\$8,231			\$8,231
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$22,159	\$9,137	\$2,053	\$33,349
Highway Bridge Program	\$9,175	\$10,804	\$3,909	\$23,888
RSTP Funds Transferred to FTA				
Regional Surface Transportation Program	\$18,624	\$12,947		\$31,571
Safe Routes to School				
Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination & Safety	\$920	\$500		\$1,420
Surface Transportation Program Railroad	\$400			\$400
Surface Transportation Program Safety Fund				
<b>Other Federal Highway Programs</b>				
Community Development Block Grant				
HPP / Federal Demonstration	\$120,063	\$11,819	\$63,295	\$195,177
Federal Lands Highway Program				
Forest Highway Funds				
Intelligent Transportation System Program	\$389			\$389
NCPD Program/Borders/Corridor Program	\$1,550			\$1,550
Recreational Trails	\$1,089		\$1,931	\$3,020
Transportation Improvement				
<b>Federal Transit Administration Funds</b>				
3037- Job Access and Reverse Commute	\$1,412	\$609	\$165	\$2,186
5303 Metropolitan Planning Program				
5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$27,090	\$17,781	\$3,322	\$48,193
5309(a) - Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$4,370	\$3,877		\$8,247
5309(b) - New Starts			\$87,340	\$87,340
5309(c) - Bus Allocation	\$4,537	\$435	\$2,951	\$7,923
5310 - Elderly & Person with Disabilities	\$1,191			\$1,191
5311 - Nonurbanized Area Formula	\$1,897	\$322	\$160	\$2,379
<b>Other State Funds</b>				
Other (PTA/TCI/TSM/TDA)	\$9,519	\$3,580	\$1,037	\$14,136
Proposition 116				
Public Transportation Account	\$40,942	\$4,307		\$45,249
Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange	\$1,000	\$400		\$1,400
State Assembly Bill 2766	\$55			\$55
State Bike Lane Account			\$500	\$500
State Cash	\$4,054	\$5,179	\$726	\$9,959
State Local Partnership				
Surface Transportation Program Enhancement				
Traffic Congestion Relief Program	\$34,600	\$63,000	\$6,280	\$103,880
<b>Local Funds</b>				
Benefit Assessment District	\$46,504	\$2,640	\$991	\$50,135
Fair Share / In Lieu				
Farebox Revenue	\$608			\$608
Local - Developer - Direct Cost				
Local - Developer - General Mitigation Fee	\$106,359	\$64,213	\$169,187	\$339,759
Local - Developer - Transportation Improvement Fee	\$117,876	\$72,982	\$30,519	\$221,377
Local Agency Funds	\$77,068	\$82,071	\$478,711	\$637,850
Local Matching Funds	\$1,045	\$100		\$1,145
Local Transportation Fund	\$12,418	\$6,684	\$2,400	\$21,502
Private Funds	\$423	\$20,900		\$21,323
Redevelopment Funds	\$4,363	\$74		\$4,437
Road Fund	\$159	\$746	\$126	\$1,031
Sacramento County Measure A Sales Tax	\$94,172	\$39,421	\$24,891	\$158,484
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$593	\$44		\$637
University Fees	\$63	\$1,506	\$20,405	\$21,974
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$972,085</b>	<b>\$729,386</b>	<b>\$1,070,490</b>	<b>\$2,771,961</b>



# Financial Summary Table: Revenue vs Programmed

## Amendment #4 to the 2007/09 MTIP

(Dollars X 1,000)

Source of Funds	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
<b>State Highway Account Funds (State &amp; State FHWA Funds)</b>				
SHOPP				
SHOPP (AC)				
STIP				
STIP Prior				
<b>Local Assistance</b>				
CMAQ Funds Transferred to FTA				
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$3,013	\$17,533	\$24,899	\$45,445
Highway Bridge Program	\$850			\$850
RSTP Funds Transferred to FTA				
Regional Surface Transportation Program	\$1,033	\$8,205	\$21,553	\$30,791
Safe Routes to School				
Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination & Safety				
Surface Transportation Program Railroad				
Surface Transportation Program Safety Fund				
<b>Other Federal Highway Programs</b>				
Community Development Block Grant				
HPP / Federal Demonstration				
Federal Lands Highway Program				
Forest Highway Funds				
Intelligent Transportation System Program				
NCPD Program/Borders/Corridor Program				
Recreational Trails				
Transportation Improvement				
<b>Federal Transit Administration Funds</b>				
3037- Job Access and Reverse Commute		\$491	\$935	\$1,426
5303 Metropolitan Planning Program				
5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program		\$6,084	\$20,543	\$26,627
5309(a) - Fixed Guideway Modernization		\$70	\$4,144	\$4,214
5309(b) - New Starts				
5309(c) - Bus Allocation				
5310 - Elderly & Person with Disabilities		\$742	\$742	\$1,484
5311 - Nonurbanized Area Formula		\$1,064	\$1,226	\$2,290
<b>Other State Funds</b>				
Other (PTA/TCI/TSM/TDA)	\$3,483	\$4,892	\$4,887	\$13,262
Proposition 116				
Public Transportation Account				
Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange				
State Assembly Bill 2766				
State Bike Lane Account				
State Cash				
State Local Partnership				
Surface Transportation Program Enhancement				
Traffic Congestion Relief Program				
<b>Local Funds</b>				
Benefit Assessment District				
Fair Share / In Lieu				
Farebox Revenue	\$38,792	\$41,600	\$41,600	\$121,992
Local - Developer - Direct Cost		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Local - Developer - General Mitigation Fee	\$13,641	\$85,787	\$813	\$100,241
Local - Developer - Transportation Improvement Fee		\$25,318	\$67,781	\$93,099
Local Agency Funds	\$67,932	\$217,929	\$121,289	\$407,150
Local Matching Funds				
Local Transportation Fund	\$70,982	\$78,916	\$83,200	\$233,098
Private Funds				
Redevelopment Funds		\$636	\$710	\$1,346
Road Fund				
Sacramento County Measure A Sales Tax	\$14,928	\$69,679	\$84,209	\$168,816
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority				
University Fees				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$214,654</b>	<b>\$708,946</b>	<b>\$628,531</b>	<b>\$1,552,131</b>